

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1667 - HB 1682

March 15, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any department or agency within state government that has regulatory authority over business activity to include the contact information for the Small Business Advocate (SBA) on any penalty assessment letter or communication sent by such department or agency.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$7,500/One-Time
\$201,000/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- The office of the SBA is located within the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT).
- According to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC), the commission will need to reprint 5,000 citations in order to include the required contact information, resulting in a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$1,530.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-4-707, the contact information for the SBA is published on COT's website.
- According to the COT, printing the contact information on each citation form would result in an increase in the number of inquiries received by the office.
- The SBA office is currently staffed by two individuals. In 2013, the office received 325 inquiries. The office anticipates at least 500 inquiries in 2014.
- Based on information provided by COT, the agency will require two Attorney 3 positions to field all new inquiries anticipated as a result of the provisions of this legislation.
- Two new Attorney 3 positions will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$200,968 (salary and benefits), as well as a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$6,000 (office equipment and supplies).
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$7,530 (\$1,530 + \$6,000).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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